



NATIONAL STUDENTS FEDERATION GILGIT-BALTISTAN

Book Inauguration and Discussion with Dr. Nosheen Ali

Author of the Cambridge University Press Published

DELUSIONAL STATES: Feeling Rule & Power in Pakistan's Northern Frontier

📅 Sunday 29th December 2019 – 4:00PM

📍 Workers Hall, Panorama Center 01, Near Atriam Mall, Zainab Market, Sadar

Delusional States: Feeling Rule & Development in Pakistan's Northern Frontier is a Cambridge published book the noted academic and researcher Dr. Nosheen Ali. This book is the first in-depth study of state power and social struggle in Gilgit-Baltistan - a contested border zone that forms part of disputed Kashmir. For seven decades, the political conflict over Kashmir has locked India and Pakistan in brutal wars and hate-centered nationalisms. This book illuminates how within this story of hate lie other stories - of love and betrayal, loyalty and suspicion, and beauty and terror. Placing these emotionalities at the centre of its analysis, *Delusional States* rethinks the state-citizen relation in deeply felt and intimate terms, offering a fine-grained ethnographic analysis of power and subjection in contemporary Pakistan. A powerful contribution to studies of state-making and Muslim sociality in South Asia, the book additionally offers distinct theoretical insights in the fields of social movements, political ecology, education, and global development studies.

Dr. Nosheen Ali is a noted academic and researcher from Karachi. She has done tremendous research work on education, politics, agriculture and ecology etc. Her work on the political question, state repression, education and ecology of Gilgit-Baltistan is one of the excellent yet rare academic attempts on the region. Her Cambridge published book “*Delusional States*” revolves around representation and repression, education and politics of faith, saving nature: saving people in Gilgit-Baltistan.

National Students Federation Gilgit-Baltistan is a collective of leftist students from Pakistan-administered Gilgit-Baltistan - a disputed territory in light of the larger Jammu & Kashmir Dispute. The disputed nature of the region has impacted the human development very badly, thus resulting a huge outward migration, particularly of students. NSFGB aims to connect the student diaspora with the struggles back home. We aim to fight against any injustices that root from the class system, particularly the classist education system. We want quality and free education at our doorsteps in Gilgit-Baltistan. We want the revival of student unions in all educational institutions in Pakistan and Gilgit-Baltistan.